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A FRIEND PROMOTED.

The appointment of Charles S. Riche, as Colonel of Engineers, United States Army, has been confirmed by the Senate.

This means that Texas is to lose a stalwart friend on the home flying line; for Colonel Riche has been of great help in advancing meritorious projects, and his estimates have carried weight.

The people of Corpus Christi, particularly, owe him a vote of thanks, not only for the interest he has taken in harbor improvements, but for the manner in which he has singled out selfish motives in connection with proposed private channels.

No man could have served the Government more scrupulously, with less of high-handed opinion and personal prejudice. If his successor measures up to the Riche standard, he will be very welcome.

NOVEMBER FIGURES.

Here is an estimate of the November vote: Democratic, 1,600 to 1,800; Independent, 600 to 800. These figures are based on close comparison, and are, to the best of our belief, conservative. Anyway, we ask that they be remembered. It will not be our policy to make politics a further issue at this time. We have other work to do: work of a constructive nature, and we hope to throw much energy and determination into it, knowing the need for optimism founded on facts.

Common sense is an uncommon phenomenon.

Good morning, England; have you seen the Deutschland yet?

Wanted: \$10,000 to bet on that Columbus injunction.

A man in New York says that one can live on six cents a day. Yes, a day.

By expressing their faith in Chief Justice Phillips, the people of Texas rid the Supreme Court of any suspicion of politics.

First, it rained water; then, ballots. Water assures crops; ballots, a Democratic harvest in November. All's well in old Nueces.

We were a little worried over Ferguson until Bear and Harris wheeled into line with the usual quota of first aid to the injured.

The City of Corpus Christi has suffered material damage from a false injunction report. Who's going to come across with the \$10,000?

Cyclone Davis ran third. But that is no compliment to Davis; it is a reflection on Texas. Votes were never cast for an emptier bag of breeze.

Now that the primaries are over, we'll be able to pay more attention to the latest crop of Villa rumors, the cotton situation and the high price of sugar.

Dr. Frank Crane, in the Houston Post, "The real truth about a man is not merely the bald facts." And Dr. Crane's column is next to Judd Mortimer Lewis.

If it comes to the show-down between Colquitt and Culberson, Duval county won't be able to poll enough votes to elect the first man mentioned, and if Duval county can't, no county can.

OVERDOING IT.

The British boycott of certain American firms is contrary to that spirit of kinship and esteem here before subsisting between the two nations, and can only result in harm to the cause of the Allies. If the American people, in their first indignation, consider this latest act in the nature of an insult, and it is in the nature of an insult, working, as it does, to the commercial disadvantage of a sovereign power—they can, by a speedy curtailment of munitions shipments, bring Britain to terms, and at the same time raise a barrier of prejudice which will result in subsequent damage, particularly at a time when the United States must be looked to as the final arbiter of European difficulties—final arbiter, that is, in the moral sense.

The trouble with the English is, they presume too much upon American friendship, not figuring that a mighty Nation, mighty in its own stead, must adhere, out of very self-respect, to the semblance of those rights due a neutral. In every way the Nation as a whole inclines to the Allies, even though millions of its citizens are bound to Germany by ties of blood and admiration, and other millions, by respect for the marvelous struggle that Germany has waged; but the very nature of this inclination toward the French and British is susceptible to change, and no agency can further adverse feeling to a greater degree than unfair presumption upon the part of those powers which might in suspect America most freely, even at some immediate cost to themselves.

A POET DEAD.

James Whitcomb Riley is dead. Children will miss him—everywhere, and grown-ups, too, for his pen has such a winsome, beautiful way, and has been dipped in an many everyday scenes, always in spirit, and yet in language dear to the masses. Riley is a great poet in the sense that Burns is; he has dealt with homely scenes, and has dealt with them in a way to reach the heart. As a man, Riley will be missed; as a poet, he will continue to live and make lives better worth living, for such gifts as his are superior to mere incidents of time and environment.

IF THIS SHOULD BE.

The race for the Senate is exceptionally close. Late returns indicate a strong lead for Colquitt, with Culberson and Brooks next in the order named. If the ratio holds, Culberson will defeat Colquitt in the run-off. He will get a substantial part of the "anti" vote and save tens of thousands of the prohibition strength, or we are badly advised. In every way, Culberson is the higher type man, and he has never, throughout the period of his incumbency, committed an official act contrary to the best dictates of Democracy.

INCLUDING HIMSELF.

Events, insignificant in magnitude, prove a great deal. For example, R. B. Gragg, candidate for County Treasurer on the mixed ticket, lost 11 of a possible 14 votes in the Typographical Union Saturday. In other words, of those men most intimately associated with him and best qualified to measure his fitness for office, Mr. Gragg's candidacy kept 3 out of the precincts, including himself.

That Columbus injunction was granted, all right, but it wanted teeth when it was born and hasn't acquired any since. What the malcontents need is, some patriotic mixed-party persons to put up the \$10,000 on a losing proposition.

Texas Press

Mexican Chiefs.

They say Villa is the world's champion corpus delicti. Well, at that stage was killed about five times before he started dead, while Sierra encountered a violent death at least three times before he was finally disposed. Hidalgo, with his bandit crew and his hand on his six-shooter, might saunter down the steps of the commandants at Juarez, now day and night, and not distract our tranquility. In this day, when almost everything that happens is the very opposite of the expected, nothing startles.

Naming up a few of the Mexican general heroes up the wish that the best of militiamen and the smaller host of militia news correspondents, now here might have a closer acquaintance with a few of the characters who helped stir up the things along the border in the past few years. Don Victoriano Huerta, for instance, the iron-willed, iron-willed old soldier whom nobody ever surprised, startled or bluffed. Whatever one may have thought of his politics in Mexico, one meeting him was bound to laugh at his Righteousness of soul and be impressed by his clear, cool nerve.

Now with Gen. Luis E. Torres, who unconcernedly walked right into a crowd of Mexicans shouting death to him—and they fell back out of his way. And Gen. Pedro Ojeda, whose face was as pink and hair as red as

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any other. Out ever came out of Ireland—who that saw it could ever forget the way he led his little command out of Napa day after day and administered a drubbing to General Carrizales and Francisco until the command gave out, then gallantly headed over the line and arrived at his headquarters?

These old fellows were not the only ones. Every new crop of the Mexican wheel of political fortune brings up a new set of picturesque leaders doing interesting things. And one of the most interesting is the way they "come and go" and come back to life.—E.P. Page Herold.

Crossing the Carpathians.

A few days ago we were told that the Russian fleet reached the Carpathian mountains. Now we are informed that at one point they have passed them and are a full day's march from the coast.

They have sustained many misfortunes in the Russian offensive. In the eyes that the men who know that they are trying to recover the Czar's seat of power will have to hold his breath a little longer.

But their strength is undermined to be so great now, and their enemies now in the mountains had no more importance to suffer from attention at the hands of the allies than it is hard to say.

It is evident that the Germans are about to be beaten, but the outcome is not yet known.

For this time the various general armies have assessments of their men and will not be able to supply enough supplies for anybody else.

In the east as in the winter before the time of winter campaigns for most purposes over, but winter is still far off. The days are long, there is time to fall in ranks, but the men are still healthy.

There is no possibility of saving

the winter, while at the same time saving wages and keeping up the morale.

The Americans are the only ones who are not yet beaten.

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